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Bill Leonard, Member

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BILL LEONARD SAYS GAS USE CONTINUES TO DECLINE FROM 2006

Bill Leonard, Member of the State Board of Equalization (BOE), today announced that gasoline use totals fell by 11.2 million gallons, approximately 0.8 percent from the same period of last year. Consumption rose in July 2007 by about 1 percent from June. (*Editor's note: see chart on second page.*)

Over the past five years, Californians have used an average of 15.77 billion gallons of gasoline annually. During the 2006 calendar year Californians consumed 15.83 billion gallons, down from 15.94 billion a year earlier.

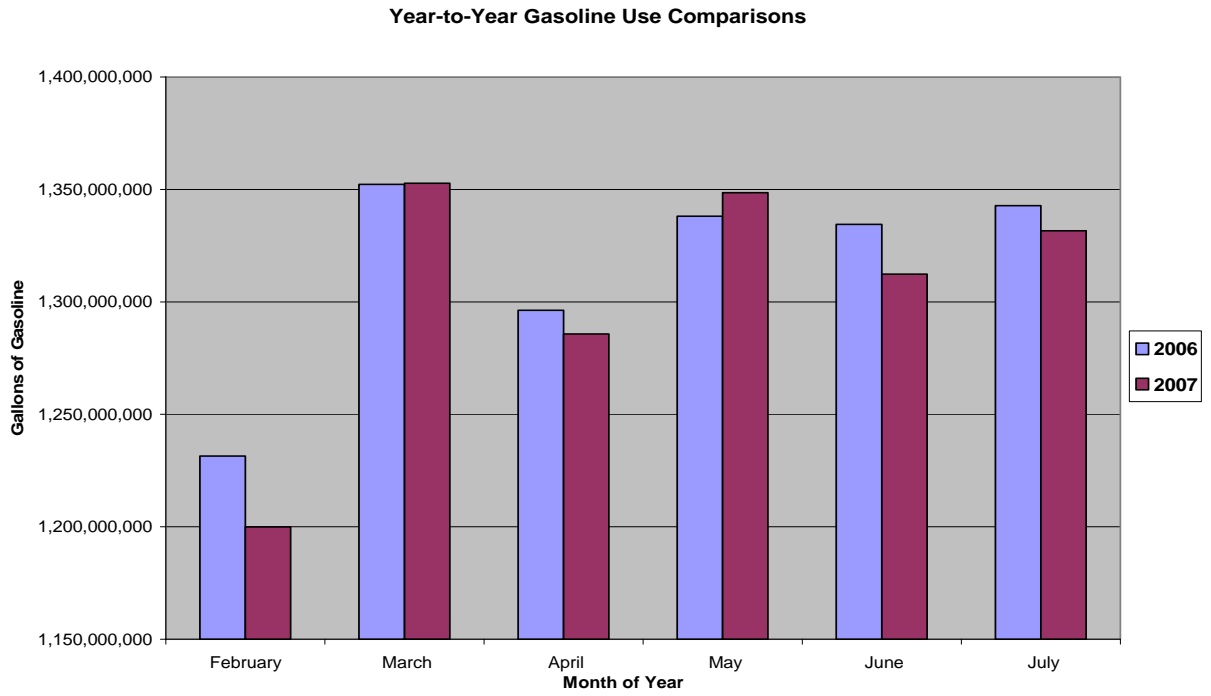
The BOE is able to monitor gallons through tax returns filed by fuel companies. Figures for August 2007 will be available near the end of November. All monthly, quarterly and annual figures can be viewed on the BOE website.

Net Taxable Gasoline Gallons: www.boe.ca.gov/sptaxprog/reports/imvf10ynet.pdf

Bill Leonard, of Sacramento/Ontario, was re-elected as the Second District Member of the State Board of Equalization in November 2007. Prior to his election, he served in the State Assembly (1978-1988, 1996-2002) and in the State Senate (1988-1996).

The five-member Board of Equalization is a publicly elected tax board. The Board collects nearly \$53 billion annually in taxes and fees supporting state and local government services. It hears business tax appeals, acts as the appellate body for franchise and personal income tax appeals, and plays a significant role in the assessment and administration of property taxes.

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